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Virginia Clean Cities Reaches 1,000 Vehicle Conversions to Propane

Largest propane deployment project in U.S. history involving a government partnership

RICHMOND, Va. – June 3, 2013 – Virginia Clean Cities is proud to announce that 1,000 vehicles have been successfully converted to run on propane autogas through the Southeast Propane Autogas Development Program (SPADP). The Program is supported by funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program.

Richmond area fleets, Groome Transportation and Virginia Premier Health Plan have benefited directly from their involvement in SPADP. Groome Transportation's 16 propane vans in the program and Virginia Premier Health Plan's 18 propane vans have helped each save significant dollars at the pump. The cost of autogas is generally \$1.50 cheaper than gasoline.

"This represents a significant mark with 1,000 vehicle conversions successfully fueling and driving on cleaner and less expensive domestic propane," said Alleyn Harned, Executive Director of Virginia Clean Cities. "This milestone is the result of years of hard work and collaboration with project partners and Clean Cities Coalitions throughout the country."

Propane autogas, also referred to as liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), is the most widely used alternative fuel in the world, with more than 17 million autogas vehicles on the road globally. The fuel is cleaner than gasoline, 90% domestic, inexpensive and widely available.

The vehicle conversions in this program take ordinary vehicles that run on gasoline and certify them to run on both gasoline and propane. This bi-fuel approach is enticing to fleets because it provides them flexibility to fuel on both gasoline and propane.

About the Southeast Propane Autogas Development Program

The Program is putting more than 1,200 clean autogas vehicles on the road and implementing fueling stations funded by partner Alliance AutoGas. Supported by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and the U.S. Department of Energy's Clean Cities

Program, SPADP is managed and administered by the Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy and Virginia Clean Cities at James Madison University. At SPADP's completion, over 1,200 vehicles from 36 fleets in 12 states will be converted to run on propane autogas. It will also implement fueling stations for each fleet, displacing 1.2 million gallons of gasoline each year, eliminating more than 2,000 tons of airborne pollutants annually and saving fleets \$1.8 million a year while creating American jobs. Visit www.usepropaneautogas.com for more information.

About Virginia Clean Cities

Virginia Clean Cities is a regional nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing our energy, economic, and environmental security through petroleum reduction and clean transportation. Virginia Clean Cities is a state and federally recognized coalition of stakeholders staffed in partnership with James Madison University. The coalition operates dozens of domestic fuel and environmental education and deployment projects for federal, state, agencies and private partners. To learn more, please visit www.vacleancities.org.